



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT

FOR THE

URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT

OF

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

FOR THE YEAR, 1946

BY

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July, 1947.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER.

(STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL).

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for 1946.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of Barton-on-Humber is :-

6,343 acres land and inland waters.
 838 " tidal waters.

The population is 5,887.

There are 1,949 inhabited houses in the Town.

The Rateable Value of the district is £24,359.

VITAL STATISTICS.

						<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
LIVE BIRTHS...	58	49	107
Legitimate.	55	46	101
Illegitimate	3	3	6
Birth Rate (excluding Still-births) 18.17 per 1,000.								

						<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
STILL-BIRTHS, Legitimate..			2	1	3
Illegitimate..			-	-	-

						<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
DEATHS...	37	35	72
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR..					
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate..	-	-	-
Death Rate (all ages) 12.23 per 1,000.								

CASES OF DEATH.						<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Tuberculosis.						1	2	3
Influenza.						1	-	1
Cancer.						4	10	14
Diabetes.						1	-	1
Pneumonia.						-	2	2
Intra-cranial vascular lesions.						5	6	11

VITAL STATISTICS (Continued).

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Ulcer of the stomach.	1	-	1
Heart disease.	8	9	17
Other circulatory.	3	-	3
Bronchitis.	3	-	3
Digestive diseases.	-	1	1
Nephritis.	-	1	1
Suicide.	1	-	1
Road Traffic Accidents.	1	-	1
Other violence.	-	1	1
All other causes.	8	3	11

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me during the year :-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	2	2	4
Erysipelas.	1	-	1
Chickenpox.	16	26	42
Acute pneumonia.	1	1	2
Whooping-cough.	10	4	14
Malaria.	1	-	1
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	1	-	1
Measles.	1	-	1
Tuberculosis Pulmonary.	7	3	10
Non-Pulmonary.	1	-	1

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

	<u>Under 5.</u>	<u>Over 5 but under 15.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
No. of children who completed immunisation during the year.	71	-	71

HEALTH SERVICES ACT.

Two trained Nurses (also qualified in Midwifery) are provided by arrangement with the Lincolnshire Nursing Association for Midwifery and General District Work in the area.

HEALTH SERVICES ETC. CONTD.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, a School Clinic, a Tuberculosis Clinic and Clinic V.D. at its premises at No. 50, Holydyke.

Maternity Homes provided by the County Council at Scunthorpe and Cleethorpes.

The Local Council have now procured an Ambulance which is available for the residents of Barton and the surrounding districts.

There is no hospital in the Urban District, but a scheme has been submitted for a small hospital and health centre.

Accommodation for Infectious diseases is provided by the Lindsey C.C. at Brumby and elsewhere. Cases of Smallpox are segregated in a hospital in the parish of Osgodby.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out at Lincoln.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply from the Waterworks is good, and about 77.5% of the houses in the Town are connected with the mains. The rest of the houses are supplied by pumps and wells which yield good water.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Council at present, for the emergency only employs 1 full-time Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, and one part-time Medical Officer.

The water-carriage system for disposal of excreta is being extended, and 42 Conversions have taken place during the year.

The removal of nightsoil and ashes is carried out weekly.

A Mortuary is provided and post-mortem examinations can be efficiently carried out in it.

It will be noted from the Sanitary Inspector's Report that most of the work in connection with the repair and improvement of Dwelling-Houses has been done without the serving of Formal notices.

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SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

10 new houses have been erected during the year.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year -

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected
for housing defects (under Public Health
or Housing Acts). 174.

(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose. 217.

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT
SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

No. of Defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit
in consequence of informal action by the
Local Authority or their Officers. 122.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year -

1. Proceedings under Public Health Acts. -.

a. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which
notices were served requiring defects to be
remedied. 3.

b. No. of dwelling-houses in which defects were
remedied after service of formal notices.

1. By owners. 3.

BAKEHOUSES.

Number in district : 5. Number of Inspections : 22.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

Number on register : 3. (only two in use).

Number of Inspections : Daily (300).

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED.COWSHEDS.

Number on register : 19. Number of Inspections : (Casual).

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS.

Number on register : 27. Number of Inspections : (Casual).
Any instance of disease attributed to milk during the year : No.

UN SOUND FOOD.Carcases Inspected and Condenned.

	Cattle. Incl. Calves.	Cows.	Calves. Sec Cattle.	Sheep, Pigs and Lambs.	
No. killed.	756	218		3,163	89
No. inspected.	No record kept owing to practice of making daily inspections and failure to inspect only when on leave.				

All diseases except Tuberculosis.

Whole carcasses condemned.	7	6	-	12	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	91	5	-	13	4
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole Carcasses condemned.	14	19	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	5	2	-	-	-

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of premises in district : 1. Number of inspections : Quarterly.

WATER SUPPLY. - Public Supply.

Area supplied : Rural parts not supplied and odd houses and groups of houses throughout built-up area.
Percentage of houses supplied : 77.5%.

SEWERAGE - CLOSETS.

Number of houses with privy vaults in district : 100.
 Number of houses with pail closets in district : 852.
 Number of pail closets repaired : 60. Number of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles : 42. Number of houses with water-closets in district : 896.
 Number of pail closets substituted for privy vaults : 1.

DRAINS.

Drains examined, tested, exposed &c. : 71.
 Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped &c. : 10.
 Drains reconstructed. : 4.

DISINFECTION.

Rooms disinfected, (ordinary infectious disease) : 4.
 Rooms disinfected (tuberculosis) : 9.

HOUSE REFUSE.

No. of covered ashpits : None in collection area.
 No. of uncovered ashpits : None in collection area.
 No. of bins substituted for ashpits : -.
 No. of houses using bins : 1827.
 Is refuse removed by householders or by Public Scavenger?
 Public Scavenger.
 How frequently is refuse removed from each house : Weekly.
 No. of complaints of non-removal : None.
 Method of final disposal : Tipping.
 Are existing arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory? : Yes.

NUISANCES.

Total number of nuisances during year :-

1. Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector : 146.
2. Reported to Council.
 - a. Statutory notice issued : 19.
 - b. Statutory notice not issued : 93.

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SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT CONTD.

DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED.

	<u>After Informal Intimation.</u>	<u>After Statutory Notice.</u>
ampness.	3	5
ards repaired.	10	-
ther nuisances.	215	14

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SANITARY INSPECTOR.

There is still a good deal of overcrowding in the town,
and the housing programme should be pushed forward with all speed in
order to alleviate as quickly as possible this unsatisfactory position.

As conditions allow, the Council should take in hand the
provision of improved social services for the well being of the
residents in the Urban District.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,
F.P.H. BIRTWHISTLE,

Medical Officer of Health.

ARTON-UPON-HUMBER.
